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Rose Border Pillowcase

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Materials:

29 inches pretty rose print for pillowcase
10 inches coordinating for hem area
2 inches for decorative insert and 5x7 piece for appliques

Tools:

Straight edge
Wash away marking pen

Embroidery designs:

Sld0909B and sld0909C
Embroidery threads see stitch instructions below
5x7 hoop
Sticky stabilizer or spray adhesive
Tear Away Stabilizer

Preparation

Please note all seams will be ¼ inch

1. Make sure all fabrics are squared and ready to sew.
2. Lay out pillowcase fabric, hem fabric and the insert fabric (if used) then trim all to the same width, removing selvedge when you do.
3. Take the 10 inch piece of hem fabric and fold wrong sides together with raw edge even and press.
4. Measure two and ¼ inches up from the fold edge and mark lightly. This will be the horizontal center for your embroidery.
5. Since each width may be slightly different find the vertical center of the hem piece by folding in half with short sides even. Now bring that fold to within ¼ inch of the raw edge and finger press. This will show you where the vertical center of the pillowcase will be. Mark this line as it will be used to place the designs.
6. Print out templates for each embroidery design. I like to trim these to the perimeter of the stitching. Most embroidery software prints a black line that shows this perimeter. The top of the design will go toward the raw edge and one side of each design will go on the center line then mark the center of each part of the design. These do not have to meet up exactly but they will come very close!!! You can scotch tape the two pieces together if you wish matching up the two halves. Do not stress over this as the designs will come very close to perfect by marking and using the center marks for stitching each half of the border. Just like hand grenades and horseshoes sometime in embroidery close is good enough.

Yes I know the pictures below are not of the rose pillowcase but the steps are the same...LOL...and you will get the idea



7. Hoop the sticky stabilizer (or tear away sprayed with adhesive) and lay fabric on the adhesive matching the center that was marked for that design. I also suggest floating a piece of tear away stabilizer under the hoop for extra stabilizing. Stitch according to design instructions below.



8. When finished with the first design hoop new sticky and stitch second design according to design instructions below.
9. When all embroidery is finished remove the tear away and the markings then press.



3.74 x 6.98 inches
11,783 stitches

1. placement line stitch then cover with applique fabric
2. tack down...this will do a run stitch then small zig zag stitch to tack the applique fabric to the base fabric. Stitch then trim really close...don't worry if you clip a few of the zigzag stitches...
3. finish stitch
4. placement line
5. tack down
6. finish stitch
7. placement line
8. tack down
9. finish stitch
10. green
11. lilac
12. gold
13. flower centers

I found a great construction method which I used for the Rose pillowcase. You can find it at <http://www.maryquilts.com/pillowcase/> but please use the measurements above for the Rose Pillowcase.

**Pillowcase Assembly
Use a Serger or stitch and zigzag.**

Assemble pillowcase, hem piece and insert if used matching raw edges with right sides



together. Stitch or serge using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Press seam toward hem piece pressing insert up if used.

1. Stitch or serge across top and down side of pillowcase matching insert and hem piece edges.



2. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on loose edge of hem piece. Turn to inside over lower seam and top stitch in place. Press everything and give to someone special!!!

I do hope you enjoyed this project and please let me know if you have any questions.

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